

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 8, please amend the paragraph extending from line 7 to line 15 as follows:

The type IV cPLA₂ proteins or proteins immunologically homologous to type IV cPLA₂ proteins are typically separated from the other proteins of red blood cells by SDS PAGE but a variety of other protein separation techniques may be used, including native polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and various column separation techniques such as fast protein liquid chromatography and variants of ~~sepharose~~ Sepharose or other commercially available columns. Two dimensional electrophoretic techniques may also be used. As noted above, prior protein separation is not always necessary and the type IV cPLA₂ proteins or proteins immunologically homologous to type IV cPLA₂ may be detected in red cells by immunological means without the necessity of prior protein separation.